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Applicants amend pending claims 1-9 for clarification, and refers to Fig. 6 and its corresponding description in the specification for an exemplary embodiment of and support for the claimed invention. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0096024 to Bicker et al. Applicants amend claims 1-9 in a good faith effort to clarify the invention as distinguished from the cited reference, and respectfully traverse the rejection.

Bicker et al. describe a mobile device that can receive both cellular and voice-over-IP ("VoIP") communications. The Examiner relied upon the description in Bicker et al. of such a "multi-mode" device requesting a remote network to forward calls over a cellular network to a VoIP provider and wireless local area network ("LAN") as alleged disclosure of the claimed invention. Such portions of Bicker et al. only describe, however, a mobile device connecting to a wireless LAN and receiving calls through the wireless LAN instead of the cellular network. As such, Bicker et al., as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, do not disclose the claimed invention of forwarding a call from a called cellular phone to a called IP phone where a called person manually operates the called IP phone, which is previously registered in the called cellular phone, and whereby wireless communication is carried out between the called IP phone and the called cellular phone.

In other words, Bicker et al., as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, do not disclose,

"[a] method for forwarding an incoming call from a cellular phone to an IP phone in a communication system in which speech communication is carried out on an Internet Protocol network, comprising

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a first step in which, when a call arrives at a called cellular phone from a calling IP phone, a called person manually operates a called IP phone, which is previously registered in said called cellular phone, and to which the incoming call is to be forwarded, whereby a wireless communication is carried out between the called IP phone and the called cellular phone, and

a second step in which, after the first step, a function built in the called IP phone, to which the incoming call is to be forwarded, automatically communicates with the calling IP phone,

so that the incoming call to the called cellular phone is forwarded to the called IP phone to which the incoming call is to be forwarded," as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, together with claims 2-3 dependent therefrom, is patentable over the Bicker et al. for at least the above-stated reasons. Claim 4 incorporates features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above and is, therefore, together with claims 5-9 dependent therefrom, patentable over Bicker et al. for at least the same reasons.

The above statements on the disclosure in the cited reference represent the present opinions of the undersigned attorney. The Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically indicate those portions of the reference that provide the basis for a view contrary to any of the above-stated opinions.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's implicit finding that the additional references made of record, but not applied, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable, whether these references are considered alone or in combination with others.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

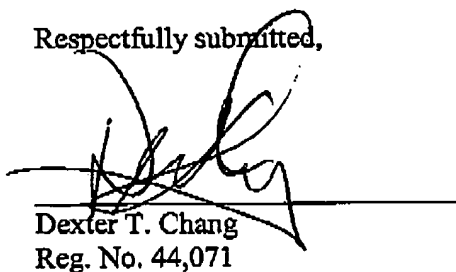
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